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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 11th August 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Burglaries and highway robbery

* 41 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government for the detection and prevention of burglaries in the City of Madras;

(*b*) the areas selected in the North and South Madras for the intensive night patrol schemes ; and

(*c*) the extra expenditure incurred towards the scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) On the detective side, a Special Party has been organized under an Inspector of Police and the party is systematically checking up on out-of-view criminals and criminal gangs. On the preventive side, the City is being intensively patrolled by platoons of the Armed Reserve under regular supervision by the Officers.

(*b*) The Scheme is spread over the entire City, despatch of patrols from day to day being regulated by the incidence of crime.

(*c*) No extra expenditure has been incurred so far.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, of late, complaints have been lodged that numerous burglaries have been perpetrated by miscreants. After the institution of this kind of check by the Police, what is the experience gained by the Government? Is there a downward trend or upward trend in the detection of these crimes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, this is the report which has been made available to me. The Commissioner of Police has reported that since the institution of the intensive patrols on the 26th of May, there has been no grave professional crime in the City and even ordinary cases of house-breaking have fallen down considerably.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Sir, is it a fact that these offences are committed in a very organized manner and they have very wide ramifications?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, it may be true to a certain extent, but we need not stretch our imagination and think that there is state-wide or country-wide organizations operating in this way.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Is there any basis for the public feeling that police officers in the lower rung of ladder have also a hand in these burglaries and in the new scheme that the Hon. Minister proposes to evolve, will he please see that men of good character are put in charge of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think there is any basis for these suspicions and perhaps these suspicions create more troubles than anything else.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Sir, the intelligence of the police dogs seems to be uncanny in the detection of crimes. Are these dogs used only for the detection of murder cases or are they used for detecting burglary cases also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, they are used in respect of all cases where they would be useful. I am sure the hon. Member might have noticed the press report of a burglary case where the dog was found to be useful.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : வீட்டைக் கொள்ளையடிப்பதை விட்டுவிட்டு, பெண்வேடம் தாங்கி தெருவில் இருந்துகொண்டு கொள்ளையடிக்க ஆரம்பித்திருக்கும் செய்தி நேற்று செய்தித்தாளிலே வந்திருக்கிறது. இதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்கு முன் வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : வாழ்க்கையே இபபடித்தான். ஏதோ ஒரு கஷ்டம் ஏற்பட்டால், அதைத் தவிர்ப்பதற்கு முயற்சி செய்கிறோம். இப்படி செய்துகொண்டிருக்கும்போதே இன்னொரு கஷ்டம் ஏற்பட்டுவிடுகிறது. அதேமாதிரிதான், திருடர்களும். அவர்கள் ஒரு வழியில் வேலை செய்கின்றார்கள். அந்த வழியைக் கண்டு பிடித்து தடுக்கும் போது அவர்கள் புது வழிகளைக் கண்டுபிடித்து தங்கள் தொழிலை ஆரம்பித்துவிடுகிறார்கள். இது தான் வாழ்க்கைப் போராட்டம்.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Sir, is it a fact that parties named as "raiding parties" have been organized in the different Police ranges in the City and they are placed under the supervision of an inspector and they go about the City during nights as well as during mornings?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, particularly during nights.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : சென்னை நகரத்தில் மட்டுமல்லாமல் மற்ற நகரங்களிலும் இம்மாதிரியான கொள்ளைகளும், திருட்டுக்களும் நடந்து கொண்டிருக்கின்றன. அவைகளைத் தடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Whatever action is necessary on the part of the Police is being taken and certainly I cannot answer such a general question if it is put in such a general way. So if the hon. Member puts any specific question with reference to any town or City, certainly I will be able to give the answer.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Are canine officers being associated with this new scheme?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not know the existence of canine officers. The hon. Member will please enlighten me on that and perhaps he may contact those officers and find out what they are doing.

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM: Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that of late certain gangsters are arranging to commit thefts near railway stations on the eve of arrival of certain trains and immediately after the commission of thefts they get into the trains? If that is so, what steps do the Government propose to take?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have particular information with regard to the methods referred to by the hon. Member. But I am sure, the Police are aware of the activities and methods of these various gangs and are taking necessary steps to prevent them.

* 42 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that cases of highway robbery are on the increase near the Magnesite Mines on the trunk road between Omalur and Salem; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the police to detect the cases and to prevent recurrence of the menace?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: ஓமலூருக்கும் சேலத்திற்கும் மத்தியிலே இருக்கும் ரஸ்தாவில் வாரத்திற்கு இரண்டு முறை வழிப் போக்கர்கள் வழிமறிக்கப்பட்டு வண்டியிலேயிருக்கும் கனத்த சாமான்கள்கூட தூக்கிச் செல்லப்படுகின்றன. இது போலீஸ் அதிகாரிகளுக்கும் தெரிந்த விஷயம். அப்படியிருந்தும், அம்மாதிரி நடக்கவேயில்லையென்று எப்படி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்கிறார்கள் என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, the question is whether there were any cases of highway robbery. That is a technical term and technically there was no highway robbery. But it has been brought to my notice that there were two cases of theft relating to some tamarind and grains which were being carried in carts along the road, one on 29th November 1955 and another on 4th March 1956. The hon. Member, who was taking rest in his father-in-law's house, has brought these incidents to the notice of the police. Immediately action was taken and I am told that the hon. Member has also been informed about it.

Opening of a new Engineering College at Madras

* 43 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the State Government have given permission to the management of the Polytechnic College, Coimbatore, to open an Engineering College at Madras during the year 1956? 9-10 a.m.